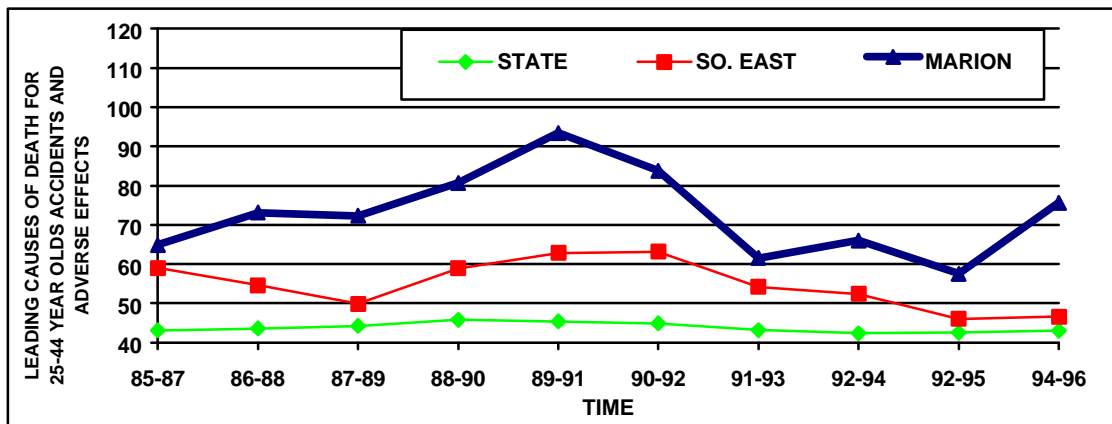
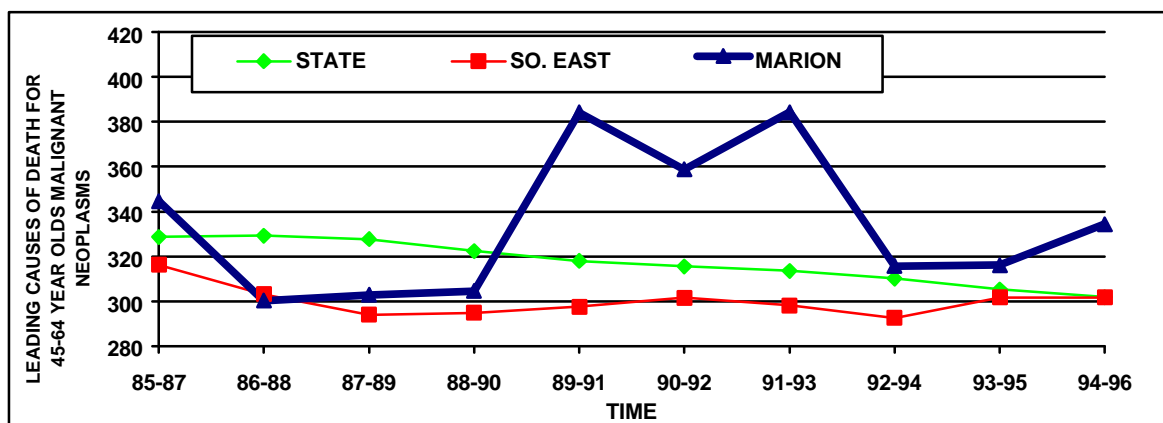


- Leading Cause of Death for 25-44 Year Olds With Mortality Rates Per 100,000 Population** - The leading cause of death for the 25-44 year old age group is accidents and adverse affects. Traditionally, Marion County's trend is slightly unstable due to small numbers, but is generally higher than that of the Southeast Region and the State. From 1985 to 1996 there was a 16.5% increase in the number of deaths attributed to accidents and adverse effects in the 25-44 year old age group.



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent Change
MARION	64.9	73.1	72.3	80.7	93.4	83.8	61.5	66	57.5	75.6	16.5

- Leading Cause of Death for 45-64 Year Olds With Mortality Rates Per 100,000 Population** - Malignant Neoplasms or cancer is the leading cause of death for this age group. In Marion County the cancer mortality trends are unstable, but are higher than the State and the Southeast Region. Such rates represent roughly 20 deaths attributable to cancer annually in the 45-64 year old age group.



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent Change
MARION	344.6	300.2	302.9	304.5	384.2	358.8	384.3	315.7	316.1	334.4	-3.0